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Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the office action mailed April 16, 2004. A Petition for a one month extension of time with fee is enclosed herewith.

Please amend the application as indicated hereunder, and consider the arguments and points discussed in the Response.

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